

## Staff Spotlight: Tom Torongo and Ken Mroczkowski

Tom and Ken work in the Jackson District Office, Water Bureau. Tom works in the Soil Erosion Sediment Control and Construction Storm Water Programs, and until recently, worked in the Industrial Storm Water Program. Ken is now responsible for the Industrial Storm Water Program for the Jackson District Office. Recently they had an opportunity to speak at the Automotive Recyclers of Michigan (ARM) midyear meeting and conference regarding the Industrial Storm Water Program that included one of the main types of industries that are regulated under this program, salvage yards.

Tom and Ken gave up a Saturday that could have been spent with their families to speak at the midyear meeting and conference. The agenda included Tom speaking about the Industrial Storm Water Program and how a recently developed manual by ARM correlates with the program. That was followed by Tom and Ken reviewing the Industrial Storm Water Program material pertinent to taking the Certified Storm Water Operator exam and then administering the exam itself.

After a ten-hour day, it was agreed upon by Tom, Ken, and Barbara Utter, Executive Director of ARM, that the event went very well and all who attended walked away with a better understanding of the Industrial Storm Water Program and how it applies to salvage yards. In addition, the response of having the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as the main speaker was very positive and the DEQ's participation was welcomed by those who attended. There were approximately 35 people in attendance for the presentation and 20 people took the Industrial Storm Water Certified Operator exam.

We believe that this opportunity to work with the salvage yard industry was a great chance to build a positive relationship that will be valuable to both the DEQ and the ARM.